

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the 80th anniversary of the First Pentecostal Church of Pensacola and its service to Florida's Gulf Coast.

The First Pentecostal Church of Pensacola traces its roots back to the Great Depression and its founder, Pastor David Lamar "D.L." Welch, who preached and established churches across the Nation from California to Florida. His travels eventually brought him to Pensacola in 1933, where he erected a tent revival on "O" Street between Strong and DeSoto Streets and baptized 75 members of the Northwest Florida community.

Pastor Welch served the church for two years before embarking again on the evangelistic trail. Reverend Oliver Fauss took over as Pastor until Pastor Welch's return in 1939. In addition to serving the church, Brother Welch played an active role in the community as a District Superintendent and a member of the Florida District Board, as well as, the Chaplain of the Florida Senate under Florida Governor Fuller Warren.

Brother Welch and his wife of seventy years, the former Lottie Mae Holloway, brought up their children in the Pentecostal faith. Their son Paul eventually became Pastor in 1975. Brother Paul, with the help of his wife, Sister Shirley, oversaw the construction of the church and helped expand it into what it has become today.

In 1999, Brian Kinsey was elected Pastor of the First Pentecostal Church and in 2007, Senior Pastor of the church. Today, he and his wife, Lanette, continue to inspire those around them and are committed to bettering the local community.

Throughout its eighty year history, the First Pentecostal Church of Pensacola has held on to the strong, moral framework and religious convictions of its original founders. The church continues to share the word of God with His people. I would like to thank its members and pastoral leadership for their service to Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the 80th anniversary of First Pentecostal Church of Pensacola. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing the members of the church all the best for continued success. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless them.

WORLD FOOD DAY RECOGNITION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to on behalf of millions of children and families worldwide in danger of starvation.

Each year, malnourishment accounts for almost half of the 6.9 million deaths among children under the age of five. The first 1,000 days between the start of a woman's preg-

nancy and her child's second birthday are critical to the long term survival of these children. As we recognize World Food Day today, we must do more to support ending maternal and child malnutrition.

That's why I introduced H. Res. 254 with my colleague, Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART. This resolution raises awareness of the critical 1,000-day window and encourages relevant federal agencies to better coordinate and track nutrition outcomes.

As a mother, it pains me to think of a child dying because he or she doesn't have enough food to eat, especially when our planet produces enough food to feed every man, woman, and child.

I urge my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring H. Res. 254 and give a voice to the millions of vulnerable and hungry children around the world.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE FOLKS OF THE EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 ALVIN WHITFIELD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the contributions made to Mid-Michigan by the folks of the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission and to recognize their recipients of the 2013 Alvin Whitfield Community Service Awards.

The Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission has provided quality recreational activities to the citizens of Eaton County, Michigan since 1970, and are enabled by the help of many individuals, service clubs, and businesses.

The Parks Commission recently acknowledged the service of key contributors by awarding them with the Alvin Whitfield Community Service Award. These individuals exemplify the spirit of service displayed by Alvin Whitfield, a long time Parks Commissioner who has served Eaton County for many years. I am pleased to join the Parks Commission in recognizing the awardees:

Shelli Smith, Jill Sambour, Christine Heverly and Patrick Sustrich for their outstanding volunteer service and commitment to improving the quality of life in Eaton County;

Jill Russell, Joe Bristol, Chuck Pantera, John Haneski and Rob Piercefield for their leadership role in support of Parks programs, special events and projects;

Aric Prudden, Jeff Smith, Wayne Curtis, Pat Harrington and Sherriff Tom Reich for their energy and leadership in sponsoring and administering unique participatory events to serve children of all ages;

And Valerie Glesnes-Anderson, Julie Powers, Terry VanDoren, Gerald Jalszynski and Willis Bennett for providing valuable technical assistance, advice and financial support for the operation and management of the Parks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Alvin Whitfield 2013 Community Service Award nominees and thank them for their efforts that have greatly benefited Eaton County.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HONEY MILLER

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congresswoman GRACE MENG and Congressman STEVE ISRAEL, to commemorate the life and service of Honey Miller. Ms. Miller passed away in her 95th year.

Honey Miller was a loyal and proud Democrat who dedicated her life to strengthening the party and serving her community. Honey began her distinguished career by working on Democratic Leader Louis Wallach's campaign for the State Assembly. When recalling the experience and her introduction to politics, she once said, "a neighbor asked me to help out on the campaign and I never got out of it."

She went on to work with the Queens Borough President's office for 17 years and then as a Coordinator for Community Board 11. She was promoted to Deputy Director of Community Boards for the Queens Borough and served as Chair of the Women's Division of the New York State Democratic Party for two years.

In 1972, she was elected as a Democratic Party official as the Queens Democratic District leader for the 24th Assembly District, where she was consistently reelected until her retirement in 2011. Honey was a tireless public servant for the Democratic Party in Queens. As District Leader she was responsible for selecting candidates, working closely with the Queens County Democratic Organization, and strengthening the Democratic Party. Honey founded the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club to increase the Democratic Party's involvement in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Honey was an indispensable asset to Queens. She's been described by others as the "bedrock of the Democratic Party" and the "grand dame of northeast Queens politics." With a career that spanned four decades, she truly exemplified the meaning of a public servant.

The legacy that she leaves not only reflects her love for the Democratic Party, but also the admiration she had for the residents of Queens.

Mr. Speaker, for her service to the people of New York and devotion to her family and friends, we ask all of our colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Honey Miller.

HONORING VIRGINIA GALLUP LARSEN, M. ED., M.A./CAGS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the outstanding contributions made by Virginia Gallup Larsen, M. Ed., M.A./CAGS in improving the lives of children and families across the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Larsen is a 17-year resident of Arlington and a Nationally Certified School Psychologist